

~~carrier and to become a reinsuring carrier may reinsure small employer health benefit plans under the provisions of G.S. 58-50-145 and G.S. 58-50-150. an assessment is made under G.S. 58-50-150."~~

SECTION 12. G.S. 58-50-150(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) There is created a nonprofit entity to be known as the North Carolina Small Employer Health Reinsurance Pool. All carriers issuing or providing health benefit plans in this State ~~on and after~~ from January 1, ~~1992~~, 1992, until the termination of the Pool, except any small employer carrier electing to be a risk-assuming carrier, are members of the Pool."

SECTION 13. G.S. 58-3-191(b)(1) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Disclosure requirements. – Each health benefit plan shall provide the following applicable information to plan participants and bona fide prospective participants upon request:

- (1) The evidence of coverage (G.S. 58-67-50), subscriber contract (G.S. 58-65-60, 58-65-140), health insurance policy (G.S. 58-51-80, 58-50-125, 58-50-126, 58-50-55), or the contract and benefit summary of any other type of health benefit plan;"

SECTION 14. G.S. 58-50-125(h) reads as rewritten:

"(h) The provisions of ~~subsections (b), (d), and (g) and subdivision (e)(2)~~ subsection (d) of this section apply to every health benefit plan delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, or continued in this State or covering persons residing in this State on or after the date the plan becomes operational, as determined by the Commissioner. For purposes of this subsection, the date a health benefit plan is continued is the anniversary date of the issuance of the health benefit plan."

SECTION 15. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 13th day of July, 2006.

Became law upon approval of the Governor at 1:46 p.m. on the 23rd day of July, 2006.

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AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCEDURE FOR CHALLENGING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A CANDIDATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Subchapter V of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Article to read:

"Article 11B.

"Challenge to a Candidacy.

"§ 163-127.1. Definitions.

As used in this Article, the following terms mean:

- (1) Board. – State Board of Elections.
- (2) Candidate. – A person having filed a notice of candidacy under Article 10 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes or having filed a petition under Article 11 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.
- (3) Challenger. – Any qualified voter registered in the same district as the office for which the candidate has filed or petitioned.